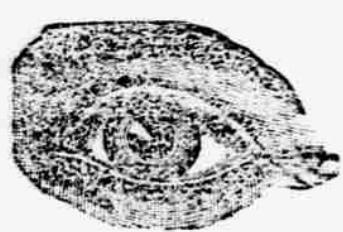


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The Government departments are having a good deal of trouble with the telegraph companies owing to the suspension of the contract for carrying government messages. The telegraph people are making Uncle Sam pay each at transient rates for all the messages sent. The post master general, who has authority under the law to set the price for this work, claims that one mill per word is a fair price; this is denied by the tel graph companies and in the mean time government officials have to pay for their messages.

One pensioner of the government has had a piece of good luck. His name is Richard Whiting and in 1883, he was granted a pension of \$24, per month, which was subsequently increased to \$25 per month. Afterwards through a misfortune he was taken ill by a surgeon the pension was reduced to \$1 per month. The pensioner applied for a resumption of his pension, but was told to apply again. He has got a pension of \$24, per month since his discharge which will amount to \$2,000.

Ex Postmaster General Frank Hart took office against the Civil Service Commissioners in that his services to the government were not acknowledged.

As soon as Secretary Blaine has just decided that he is entitled to a pension of \$24, per month and arises since his discharge which will amount to \$2,000.

He has been employed to represent the Northern Pacific railroad in this city as a consulting engineer.

It is to be hoped that his experience with the corporation will be pleasant and more profitable than when he had with the Pennsylvania Telephone Company in many years ago.

Before leaving the city for a short rest Secretary Nibley received the preliminary report of the commission which has been investigating the robbing of pensions. He has instructed the commissioners to proceed with the investigation.

He wants the proceedings for twelve months. He declined to make public the preliminary report but said the full report should be given to the public just as soon as it is finished. I understand that the secretary is satisfied from the report that there has been no serious wrongdoing but he deemed it good policy to have a fuller investigation made lest some of the enemies of the Pension office should say that the months in elapse in the preliminary investigation December less and May less had been wasted beforehand on account of the showing they made.

Col. W. W. Duley happens at the idea of his being arrested while passing through Indiana on his way to the G. A. R. encampment at Milwaukee, and says he will certainly go so that he can possibly arrange his release so that he can get away from here.

Secretary Rock has returned from his business trip to New York, he has taken no vacation yet.

United States Treasurer Houston has gone to San Antonio to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the national Republican League.

Secretary Proctor has telegraphed that he will return to Washington tomorrow.

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